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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte JOHN P. CHRISTIAN

Application 10/714,182 Technology Center 2600

Mailed: March 9, 2009

Before KRISTA ZELE, Deputy Chief, Appeals Administrator.

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 30, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal.

Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

EXAMINER'S ANSWER, GROUNDS OF REJECTION

A review of the file finds that the grounds of rejection of the claims as provided in the Examiner's Answer mailed February 21, 2008, under the heading "Grounds of rejection" is not consistent with the grounds of rejection of claims set forth in the last Office action of record. The grounds of rejection of the claims as provided in the Examiner's Answer must be consistent with the last Office action of record, including any Advisory action responsive to any after final submissions. Each Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal must be identified and any new grounds of rejection must be provided under a separate heading "New Grounds of Rejection" in the Examiner's Answer and must include the approval of the TC Director or his/her designee. See also Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 1207.02 and 1207.03 (8th ed. Rev. 6, Sept 2007) for details.

A review of the Examiner's Answer finds a new Ground(s) of Rejection that has not been provided the required heading "New Grounds of Rejection" and/or which does not include the approval of the TC Director or his/her designee.

Specifically, the Examiner's Answer sets forth a rejection of claims 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 14, 18, 19 and 26 as being rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okin, Yamamoto, Appellant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) and Choi, respectively; whereas the last Office action, including any mailed Advisory Action(s) finds that claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tajima and Burns only. Correction of all Grounds of rejection for all claims is required.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the application be returned to the Examiner:

- 1) to vacate the Examiner's Answer mailed February 21, 2008;
- to generate a new Examiner's Answer setting forth the correct Grounds of rejection and to correct other sections of the Answer as may be required;
- and to include the approval of the TC Director or his/her designee (as required for any new grounds of rejection).

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797

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